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SUBJ: ISRAELI OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 8532, (B) CAIRO 15136

1. IN A CONVERSATION OF JULY 18, DIRGEN MINENERGY VARDI
TOLD EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING.

2. EXPLORATORY WELL D-1, ABOUT 1800 METERS NORTHEAST
OF ALMA 2 IN GULF OF SUEZ, WILL PRODUCE ABOUT 5,000
BARRELS PER DAY PLUS OR MINUS 30 PERCENT, SUBJECT
TO MORE TESTING. THE THREE EXISTING OIL WELLS IN
THE ALMA FIEL NOW PRODUCE TOTAL OF 13,000 BARRELS
PER DAY AT A STABLE RATE FOLLOWING A DROP IN PRESSURE
IN THE FIELD.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS YET
ANOTHER ISRAELI RIG NOW IN SOUTHERN GULF AREA (REF B)
VARDI SAID HE WOULD RESPOND IN THREE WEEKS.

4. JULY 16 LOCAL PRESS REPORT THAT SADOT FIELD HAS
RESERVES "EQUAL TO MORE THAN 1 MILLIONS TONS
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OF OIL" (ALSO REF A) IS EXAGGERATED ACCORDING
TO VARDI, WHO ESTIMATES 30 BILLION CUBIC FEET
(730,000 TONS OIL EQUIVANELT). VIETS

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